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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Saturday, 2 October 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

10 a.m. 22nd PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Swaziland

Trinidad and Tobago

Afghanistan

Republic of Moldova

Comoros

Cameroon

Rwanda

Burundi

Kyrgyzstan

Liberia

Maldives

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION

ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE

Second regular session

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

Monday, 4 October 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Programme of work

Iraq

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

10 a.m.	23rd PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall
3 p.m.	24th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family: follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons [106]:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/268);

(b) Draft resolution (A/54/L.6)*

* To be issued.

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	3rd meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Election of Rapporteur

2. Agenda items 18, 92, 93, 94 and 12 and 95

   General debate on all decolonization items: *item 18* (A/54/23 (Part II), chapters VI, IX-XI, A/54/23 (Part III), chapter XIII (D-F, H), A/AC.109/1999/1, A/AC.109/1999/3-9, A/AC.109/1999/11, A/AC.109/1999/13-18); *item 92* (A/54/23 (Part II), chapter VIII, A/54/23 (Part III), chapter XIII (A), A/54/343); *item 93* (A/54/23 (Part II), chapter V), A/54/23 (Part III), chapter XIII (B)); *item 94* (A/54/3* (chapter VII, section D), A/54/ 23 (Part II, chapter VII), A/54/23 (Part III, chapter XIII (C)), A/54/119, E/1999/69); *item 95* (A/54/267)

3. Documents of the Fourth Committee (A/C.4/54/INF/1)

* To be issued.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	3rd meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Organization of work (A/C.5/54/1, A/C.5/54/L.1/Rev.1 and A/C.5/54/L.2)

2. Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission and the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola [129]

   Report of the Secretary-General on the findings of the Office of Internal Oversight on the procurement process in the United Nations Angola Verification Missions (UNAVEM) (A/53/1018)

   Introduction and general discussion

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   Report of the Secretary-General on the developments relating to the issue of overpayment of mission subsistence allowance and compensatory time off and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/53/1023 and A/54/418)

   Introduction and general discussion

Morning*-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda 118 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Procurement reform (A/52/887, A/52/1010, A/C.5/52/46, A/53/271 and Corr.1 and Add.1 and A/53/692))

3 p.m.	4th meeting	Conference Room 3

Financing of the United Nations Mission in East Timor [169] (A/54/380 and A/54/406)

Introduction and general discussion

* Following the adjournment of the 3rd meeting of the Fifth Committee.

Afternoon*-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 169 (Financing of the United Nations Mission in East Timor (A/54/380 and A/54/406))

* Following the adjournment of the 4th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210 OF 17 DECEMBER 1996

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	7th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Organizational matters

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

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ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE

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Announcement

The daily briefing of the Spokesman for the Secretary-General for members of permanent missions will resume on Monday, 4 October 1999, at 12.30 p.m.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Monday, 4 October 1999

GROUP OF 77
(briefing by the Under-Secretary-General of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs)

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77
(on Copenhagen+5)

1.30 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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There will be a coordinating meeting of the Association of the South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN), convened by the delegation of Myanmar to the First Committee, on disarmament issues and other related matters on Monday, 4 October 1999, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room E. Delegations to the First Committee of the ASEAN Member States are invited to attend.

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Briefings

There will be a briefing for delegations by the Director of the Division for the Advancement of Women of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Ms. Yakin Ertürk, on Monday, 4 October 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 1, on agenda items 99 (c) (Women in development), 109 (Advancement of women) and 110 (Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women).

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The United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) will hold briefings on UNIFEM regional programmes in support of the Beijing Platform for Action on the following days from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m.:

Monday, 4 October, in Conference Room 8: Africa; and

Tuesday, 5 October, in Conference Room 6: Asia and the Pacific.

Delegates from these regions and interested Secretariat staff are invited to attend. For more information, please contact Ms. Anu Gupta (tel.: (212) 906-6289).

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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

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10 a.m.	25th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall
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Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.	4th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	5th meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

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* Following the adjournment of the 5th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210 OF 17 DECEMBER 1996

10 a.m.	8th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	9th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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FIRST COMMITTEE

The First Committee will begin its general debate on all disarmament and international security items from 11 to 20 October 1999. Those delegations wishing to participate in the general debate are requested to kindly inscribe their names on the list of speakers, as soon as possible, with the Secretariat of the First Committee (room S-2977B; tel.: (212) 963-0049; fax: (212) 963-5305).

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SECOND COMMITTEE

The Second Committee will begin its general debate on Wednesday, 6 October 1999, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The list of speakers for the general debate, and all other items allocated to the Committee, is open for inscription. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee, Ms. June Knesl, (tel.: (212) 963-5709; fax: (212) 963-5935).

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The list of speakers for *all items* allocated to the Third Committee is open for inscription by delegations. The Committee will begin its substantive work (in accordance with document A/C.3/54/L.1, as approved by the Committee at its 2nd meeting) on Wednesday, 6 October 1999, at 10 a.m., with agenda item 106 (Social development). Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Secretary of the Committee, Ms. Kate Starr Newell (tel.: (212) 963-4248; fax: (212) 963- 5935).

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FIFTH COMMITTEE

The Under-Secretary-General for Management will make a statement to the Fifth Committee on item 122 (Improving the financial situation of the United Nations) on Tuesday, 5 October 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3.

The Secretary-General will address the Committee on that occasion.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoaela (Lesotho), on Tuesday, 5 October 1999, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room 9.

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The Chairman of the Commission for Social Development, Mr. Aurelio Fernández (Spain), will give a briefing on the programme of work of the Commission on Thursday, 7 October 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 1. All interested delegations are invited to attend. A note on the proposed organization of work for the thirty-eighth session of the Commission can be obtained from the Secretariat in room 1370 (DC2 Building).

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Panel discussion

On the occasion of the two-day plenary of the General Assembly devoted to the International Year of Older Persons, the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom Mission to the United Nations and HelpAge International will hold a panel discussion on the topic "Beyond 1999 - Poverty, Independence and the World's Older People" on Tuesday, 5 October 1999, at 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Mr. Nitin Desai, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, H.E. Mrs. Julia Tavarez de Álvarez, Permanent Mission of the Dominican Republic, and Ms. Flora MacDonald, Chair of HelpAge International and former Canadian Minister for External Affairs, will be the panellists. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Special meeting

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), in cooperation with the International Monetary Fund's Special Representative to the United Nations, will hold a debriefing following the September 1999 Interim Committee meeting of the International Monetary Fund (IMF). The meeting will be conducted in English on Thursday, 7 October 1999, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684).

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Briefing

In connection with the Second Committee consideration of agenda item 97 (d) (Science and technology for development), the Assistant Director-General of UNESCO for Science, Mr. Maurizio Iaccarino, will give a briefing on the results of the World Conference on Science: Science for the Twenty-first Century (Budapest 26 June-1 July 1999) on Monday, 11 October 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6, with the participation of H.E. Mr. André Erdös, Permanent Representative of Hungary to the United Nations. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Informal consultations on draft resolutions related to agenda item 40 (Oceans and the law of the sea) will be held on the following days: Wednesday, 13 October 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Friday, 15 October, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesday, 19 October, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and Friday, 22 October, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The conference rooms will be announced at a later date.

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Seminar

The United Nations University (UNU) and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) are jointly organizing the third and final session of their 1999 series "Sustainable Development in Practice" Session III, entitled "Climate Change Governance: Fifth Session of the Conference of Parties and the Kyoto Protocol Negotiations." The seminar, to be conducted in English, will be held on 13 and 14 October 1999 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Wednesday, 6 October 1999. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman, UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684).

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Workshop

The UNITAR/UTA/WTO Workshop on International Trade Negotiations will take place from 20 to 22 October 1999 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in New York. The nomination form was already sent out to all the permanent missions, with the information note. The registration deadline is Wednesday, 13 October 1999. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684).

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CONFERENCE ON FACILITATING THE ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE COMPREHENSIVE NUCLEAR-TEST-BAN TREATY (CTBT)

The Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT) will be convened from 6 to 8 October 1999, at the Redoutensaele in the Hofburg Palace in Vienna, Austria. The opening plenary meeting will take place on Wednesday, 6 October, at 10 a.m.

The Conference is convened by the Secretary-General in his capacity as Depositary of the CTBT, pursuant to Article XIV, paragraph 2, of the Treaty. In addition to the ratifiers and signatory States of the CTBT, the Conference is open to non-signatory States to attend. International organizations and non-governmental organizations will be able to attend as well. The provisional agenda and the draft rules of procedure were issued as documents CTBT-Art.XIV/1999/1 and 2. A background paper by the Provisional Technical Secretariat of the CTBTO Preparatory Commission was issued as document CTBT-Art. XIV/1999/3. Additional copies of these documents are available in the Department for Disarmament Affairs (room S-3140).

The list of speakers for the general exchange of views of ratifiers and signatories on facilitating the entry into force of the Treaty is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers are kindly requested to contact Mr. Shirchinjan Yumjat at the Secretariat of the Conference, Vienna International Centre (Austria) (room E0717; tel.: (431) 26030-6124; fax: (431) 26030-5953).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Thursday, 30 September 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

19th plenary meeting

Address by H.E. Mr. Joaquim Alberto Chissano, President of the Republic of Mozambique

H.E. Mr. Joaquim Alberto Chissano, President of the Republic of Mozambique, addressed the General Assembly.

Continuation of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. The Honourable Bartholomew Ulufa'alu, Prime Minister of the Solomon Islands; H.E. Mr. Ibrahim Assane Mayaki, Prime Minister of the Republic of the Niger; H.E. The Right Honourable Krishna Prasad Bhattarai, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Nepal; H.E. Mr. Abuzed Omar Dorda, Chairman of the delegation of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya; H.E. Mr. Abdulkader Bajammal, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Yemen; H.E. The Honourable George Odlum, Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Trade of Saint Lucia; H.E. Dr. Mustafa Osman Ismail, Minister for External Relations of the Sudan; H.E. Mr. Nizar Madani, Assistant Minister for Foreign Affairs of Saudi Arabia; and H.E. Dr. Sama Banya, Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Sierra Leone.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom, the People's Democratic Republic of Korea, Israel and the Syrian Arab Republic.

Friday, 1 October 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

20th plenary meeting

Address by H.E. Mr. Emomali Rakhmonov, President of the Republic of Tajikistan

H.E.Mr. Emomali Rakhmonov, President of the Republic of Tajikistan, addressed the General Assembly.

Continuation of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. The Honourable Lieutenant General Mompati Merafhe, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Botswana; H.E. Mr. Javier Murillo de la Rocha, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Worship of Bolivia; H.E. The Honourable Brown Mpinganjira, Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Malawi; H.E. The Honourable Janet Bostwick, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Bahamas; H.E. Mr. Fritz Longchamp, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Haiti; H.E. Mr. Joseph Kokou Koffigoh, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Togo; and H.E. The Honourable Mark Isaac, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of Grenada.

21st plenary meeting

Note: The summary of the 21st plenary meeting of the General Assembly in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1999/190).

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Convention on the Rights of the Child

COMMITTEE ON THE
RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
Twenty-second session
United Nations Office at Geneva

FRIDAY, 1 OCTOBER 1999

576th meeting

Commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child [7]

The Committee continued its special meeting on the theme "The Convention on the Rights of the Child: A Decade of Achievements and Challenges". It also held workshops.

577th meeting

The Committee concluded its special meeting in commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

The Committee decided to adopt the recommendations of the special meeting on 8 October 1999.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention on biological diversity. Rio de Janeiro, 5 June 1992

Ratification: Sao Tome and Principe (29 September 1999)*

United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. New York, 9 May 1992

Ratification: Sao Tome and Principe (29 September 1999)*

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997

Signature: Madagascar (1 October 1999)

Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty. New York, 10 September 1996

Ratification: Switzerland (1 October 1999)*

Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. Rome, 17 July 1998

Signature: Armenia (1 October 1999)

Extension until 30 September 2001, with modifications, of the International Coffee Agreement, 1994, approved by the International Coffee Council in Resolution No. 384. London, 21 July 1999

Acceptance: Cameroon (30 September 1999)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

World Habitat Day, 1999

On the occasion of the World Habitat Day, 1999, the New York Office of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) will hold a panel discussion on the theme "Cities for All" on Monday, 4 October 1999, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. All members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of United Nations agencies and programmes, representatives of non-governmental organizations and accredited correspondents are invited to attend.

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Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of October 1999 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Burundi
H.E. Mr. Gamaliel Ndaruzaniye

Asian States:
Uzbekistan
H.E. Mr. Alisher Vohidov

Eastern European States:
Bulgaria
Mr. Vladimir Sotirov
Chargé d'affaires

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Peru
H.E. Mr. *Francisco* Tudela

Western European and other States:
Italy
H.E. Mr. Francesco Paolo Fulci

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE EDITOR

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Consultations on the informal segment in connection with the follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons, will take place *today*, 5 October 1999, at 11 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

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2. Hearing of representatives of Non-Self-Governing Territories:

   Gibraltar

   Guam

3. Hearing of petitioners

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FIFTH COMMITTEE

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WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210 OF 17 DECEMBER 1996

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (MINURSO)

2. Draft reports

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

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GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(on Copenhagen+5)

1.30 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP ON DISARMAMENT

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

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Briefing

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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 6 October 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

10 a.m. 27th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (A/54/1) [10]

3 p.m. 28th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Advancement of women: draft resolution (A/54/L.4) [109]
2. Implementation of the Outcome of the World Summit for Social Development [37]:
   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/220);
   (b) Report of the Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly on the Implementation of the Outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and Further Initiatives (A/54/45 and Corr.1 and Add.1);
   (c) Draft decisions (A/54/45 and Corr.1, par. 71, A/54/45/Add.1, par. 6)

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.	5th meeting	Conference Room 1

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	3rd meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	4th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	3rd meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210 OF 17 DECEMBER 1996

10 a.m.	9th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	10th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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FIRST COMMITTEE

The First Committee will begin its general debate on all disarmament and international security items from 11 to 20 October 1999. Those delegations wishing to participate in the general debate are requested to kindly inscribe their names on the list of speakers, as soon as possible, with the Secretariat of the First Committee (room S-2977B; tel.: (212) 963-0049; fax: (212) 963-5305).

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SECOND COMMITTEE

The Second Committee will begin its general debate on Wednesday, 6 October 1999, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The list of speakers for the general debate, and all other items allocated to the Committee, is open for inscription. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee, Ms. June Knesl, (tel.: (212) 963-5709; fax: (212) 963-5935).

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The list of speakers for *all items* allocated to the Third Committee is open for inscription by delegations. The Committee will begin its substantive work (in accordance with document A/C.3/54/L.1, as approved by the Committee at its 2nd meeting) on Wednesday, 6 October 1999, at 10 a.m., with agenda item 106 (Social development). Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Secretary of the Committee, Ms. Kate Starr Newell (tel.: (212) 963-4248; fax: (212) 963- 5935).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Chairman of the Commission for Social Development, Mr. Aurelio Fernández (Spain), will give a briefing on the programme of work of the Commission on Thursday, 7 October 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 1. All interested delegations are invited to attend. A note on the proposed organization of work for the thirty-eighth session of the Commission can be obtained from the Secretariat in room 1370 (DC2 Building).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

The announcements in this section are reproduced as received. The designations employed do not imply the expression of any opinion whatsoever on the part of the Secretariat of the United Nations.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)* on Wednesday, 6 October 1999, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Third Committtee *(on a draft resolution on the elderly)* on Friday, 8 October 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Special meeting

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), in cooperation with the International Monetary Fund's Special Representative to the United Nations, will hold a debriefing following the September 1999 Interim Committee meeting of the International Monetary Fund (IMF). The meeting will be conducted in English on Thursday, 7 October 1999, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684).

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Briefing

In connection with the Second Committee consideration of agenda item 97 (d) (Science and technology for development), the Assistant Director-General of UNESCO for Science, Mr. Maurizio Iaccarino, will give a briefing on the results of the World Conference on Science: Science for the Twenty-first Century (Budapest 26 June-1 July 1999) on Monday, 11 October 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6, with the participation of H.E. Mr. André Erdös, Permanent Representative of Hungary to the United Nations. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Informal consultations on draft resolutions related to agenda item 40 (Oceans and the law of the sea) will be held on the following days: Wednesday, 13 October 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Friday, 15 October, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesday, 19 October, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and Friday, 22 October, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The conference rooms will be announced at a later date.

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Seminar

The United Nations University (UNU) and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) are jointly organizing the third and final session of their 1999 series "Sustainable Development in Practice" Session III, entitled "Climate Change Governance: Fifth Session of the Conference of Parties and the Kyoto Protocol Negotiations." The seminar, to be conducted in English, will be held on 13 and 14 October 1999 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Wednesday, 6 October 1999. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman, UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684).

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Workshop

The UNITAR/UTA/WTO Workshop on International Trade Negotiations will take place from 20 to 22 October 1999 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in New York. The nomination form was already sent out to all the permanent missions, with the information note. The registration deadline is Wednesday, 13 October 1999. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684).

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CONFERENCE ON FACILITATING THE ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE COMPREHENSIVE NUCLEAR-TEST-BAN TREATY (CTBT)

The Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT) will be convened from 6 to 8 October 1999, at the Redoutensaele in the Hofburg Palace in Vienna, Austria. The opening plenary meeting will take place on Wednesday, 6 October, at 10 a.m.

The Conference is convened by the Secretary-General in his capacity as Depositary of the CTBT, pursuant to Article XIV, paragraph 2, of the Treaty. In addition to the ratifiers and signatory States of the CTBT, the Conference is open to non-signatory States to attend. International organizations and non-governmental organizations will be able to attend as well. The provisional agenda and the draft rules of procedure were issued as documents CTBT-Art.XIV/1999/1 and 2. A background paper by the Provisional Technical Secretariat of the CTBTO Preparatory Commission was issued as document CTBT-Art. XIV/1999/3. Additional copies of these documents are available in the Department for Disarmament Affairs (room S-3140).

The list of speakers for the general exchange of views of ratifiers and signatories on facilitating the entry into force of the Treaty is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers are kindly requested to contact Mr. Shirchinjan Yumjat at the Secretariat of the Conference, Vienna International Centre (Austria) (room E0717; tel.: (431) 26030-6124; fax: (431) 26030-5953).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 1 October 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

21st plenary meeting

Continuation of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Toomas Hendrik Ilves, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Estonia; H.E. Mr. Somsavat Lengsavad, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Lao People's Democratic Republic; H.E. Mrs. Lila Hanitra Ratsifandrihamanana, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Madagascar; H.E. Mr. Domingo Siazon, Jr., Secretary for Foreign Affairs of the Philippines; H.E. The Honourable Clement Leo, Assistant Minister for Foreign Affairs of Vanuatu; H.E. Mr. Tofik Zulfugarov, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Azerbaijan; H.E. Mr. Ahmed Ould Sid Ahmed, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Mauritania; H.E. The Honourable Norris Charles, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Trade and Marketing of Dominica; H.E. Mr. Seyoum Mesfin, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ethiopia; H.E. Mr. Haile Weldensae, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Eritrea; H.E. Mr. Joao Bernardo de Miranda, Minister of External Relations of Angola; and H.E. Mr. Hiroshi Yamamura, Minister for Internal Affairs of the Marshall Islands.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, Chile, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Bolivia, and Israel.

Saturday, 2 October 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

22nd plenary meeting

Conclusion of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Arthur Khoza, Deputy Prime Minister of Swaziland; H.E. The Honourable Ralph Maraj, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Trinidad and Tobago; H.E. Mr. Abdullah Abdullah, Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs of Afghanistan; H.E. Mr. Nicolae Tabacaru, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Moldova; H.E. Mr. Souef Mohamed El-Amine, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Comoros; H.E. Mr. Augustin Kontchou Kouomegni, Minister for External Relations of Cameroon; H.E. Mr. Séverin Ntahomvukiye, Minister for External Relations and Cooperation of Burundi; H.E. Mr. Augustin Iyamuremye, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Regional Cooperation of Rwanda; H.E. Mr. Alikbek Djekshenkulov, First Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Kyrgyzstan; H.E. Mr. Monie Captan, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Liberia; and H.E. Mr. Fathulla Jameel, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Maldives.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Nigeria, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the United Republic of Tanzania, Cameroon, Rwanda and Burundi.

The President made a statement.

Programme of work

The President drew the attention of the General Assembly to document A/INF/54/3/Add.1 which contains a tentative programme of work and schedule of plenary meetings for the period between 4 October and 30 November. The President also informed the Assembly that the lists of speakers for items contained in document A/INF/54/3/Add.1 are open.

Monday, 4 October 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

4050th meeting

The situation between Iraq and Kuwait

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/1999/1020, which had been submitted by the Netherlands.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution (S/1999/1020) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/1999/1020) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1266 (1999).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

23rd and 24th plenary meetings

Note: The summary of the 23rd and 24th plenary meetings of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1999/191).

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 3rd meeting

Election of Rapporteur

Upon nomination by the representative of Côte d'Ivoire and in accordance with rule 103 of the rules of procedure, the Committee, by acclamation, elected Mr. Gualberto Rodríguez San Martín (Bolivia) as Rapporteur of the Committee.

Agenda items 18 (chapters of the report of the Special Committee of 24 relating to specific Territories not already covered by other items), 92, 93, 94 and 12 and 95

The Rapporteur of the Special Committee on Decolonization introduced chapters of the report of the Special Committee (A/54/23 (Parts II to III)).

The Chairman (Papua New Guinea) of the Special Committee on Decolonization made a statement on the work of the Committee.

The Committee began its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Algeria, New Zealand and the Philippines (on behalf of the Member countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam)).

Statements were made by the representatives of Morocco and Algeria.

Requests for hearing

The Chairman informed the Committee that there were 12 requests for hearing relating to the questions of Gibraltar, Guam, New Caledonia, Western Sahara and East Timor, as well as the implementation of the Declaration by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations.

Statements were made by the representatives of Morocco and Algeria.

The Committee decided to circulate the requests for hearing as Committee documents.

The Committee, as suggested by the Chairman, decided to set the deadline for submission for further requests for hearing by Tuesday, 5 October, 6 p.m. and to be processed as documents to be considered at the next meeting.

The Chairman informed the Committee of the communications received from the Governor of Guam and the Chief Minister of Gibraltar.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 3rd meeting

Organization of work

The Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to a revised document on the status of preparedness of documentation (A/C.5/54/L.1/Rev.1) as well as to the proposed programme of work (A/C.5/54/L.2).

Statements were also made by the representatives of Mexico (on behalf of the Rio Group) and Costa Rica.

The Committee then approved the proposed programme of work (A/C.5/54/L.2), taking into account the comments made.

The Chairman announced the names of the coordinators for the items to be considered during the first two weeks of the Committee's work.

The Chairman invited delegations wishing to do so, to inscribe their names on the list of speakers on any of the items before the Committee.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to establish 6 p.m. Friday, 22 October 1999 as the deadline for the submission of candidatures for the vacant posts in subsidiary organs of the General Assembly under agenda item 17.

Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission and the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola [129]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

Report of the Secretary-General on the findings of the Office of Internal Oversight on the procurement process in UNAVEM

The Assistant Secretary-General of the Office of Planning and Support of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/53/1018).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions orally presented the related report of that Committee.

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta and Norway) and the United States.

Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991) [130]:

(a) *United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission*

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

Report of the Secretary-General on the developments relating to the issue of overpayment of mission subsistence allowance and compensatory time off and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

The Assistant Secretary-General of the Office of Planning and Support of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/53/1023).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions presented the related report of that Committee (A/54/418).

Statements were made by the representatives of Kuwait, Finland (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta, Iceland and Norway) and Uganda.

The Assistant Secretary-General of the Office of Planning and Support of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations made a statement.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [118]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Assistant Secretary-General for Central Support Services made a statement on the developments in the area of procurement reform.

Statements were made by the representatives of Mexico (on behalf of the Rio Group), Finland (on behalf of the European Union), the Russian Federation, the Syrian Arab Republic, Israel and Saudi Arabia.

The Assistant Secretary-General for Central and Support Services replied to questions posed.

Other matters

The representatives of Costa Rica and Cuba made statements regarding the services in the United Nations cafeteria.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

4th meeting

Financing of the United Nations Mission in East Timor [169]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman made a statement and drew the attention of the Committee to the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission in East Timor (A/54/380).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/54/406).

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta and Iceland), Australia (on behalf of Canada, New Zealand and Australia), Norway, Indonesia, Japan and Cuba.

The representative of France made a statement regarding errors in the French version of document A/54/406.

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division replied to a question posed and stated that a corrigendum to document A/54/406 would shortly be issued in all languages.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this item would begin on that day, 4 October 1999, following the adjournment of the 4th meeting of the Fifth

Committee under the chairmanship of Mr. Ahmed Darwish (Egypt), Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

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Convention on the Rights of the Child

COMMITTEE ON THE
RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
Twenty-second session
United Nations Office at Geneva

MONDAY, 4 OCTOBER 1999

578th and 579th meetings

Consideration of reports by States parties [4]

The Committee began and continued its consideration of the initial report of the Netherlands (CRC/C/51/Add.1).

In accordance with the Committee's provisional rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meetings and replied to questions raised and observations made by members of the Committee.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty. New York, 10 September 1996

Ratification: Bolivia (4 October 1999)*

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Extension until 30 September 2001, with modifications, of the International Coffee Agreement, 1994, approved by the International Coffee Council in Resolution No. 384. London, 21 July 1999

Acceptance: Central African Republic (30 September 1999)*

Acceptance: Ethiopia (30 September 1999)*

CORRIGENDUM

The sixteenth entry appearing in this section on Friday 1 October 1999 (see *Journal* No. 1999/188, p.15, English version) should read as follows:

Acceptance: Côte d'Ivoire (*28* September 1999)*

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

An observance of World Mental Health Day will be held at United Nations Headquarters on 7 October 1999, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 1. The programme, entitled "Culture, Society and Depression", is organized by the Department of Public Information (DPI) and co-sponsored by the World Health Organization (WHO), Pharmacia and Upjohn, the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations (CONGO) Non-Governmental Organizations Committee on Mental Health and the CONGO Non-Governmental Organizations Committee on Ageing. Mr. Fabrizio Bassani, Executive Director, WHO New York Office, will deliver the WHO message for World Mental Health Day, followed by a panel discussion with mental health experts on different aspects of depression addressed in a global context. For more information, please call (212) 963-7709 or (212) 963-0089.

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